GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
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DEVELOPMENT CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS BRIDGES
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Border Roads Organisation have undertaken some major projects for development/construction of roads/bridges in the country;

(b) if so, the projects already under execution and the new ones proposed to be taken up;

(c) whether there has been inordinate delay and corresponding cost overrun in the completion of the projects already under execution; and

(d) if so, the reasons for such time and cost overrun?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (MAJOR GENERAL (RETI KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 458 road projects and 53 bridge projects on G.S. roads and 133 road and 40 bridge projects on agency roads entrusted to Border Roads Organisation are under execution by BRO.The BRO has proposed 8 road projects and 39 bridge projects on GS roads and 18 road projects and 38 bridge projects on agency roads as new projects.

(c)&(d) There has been delay in completion and consequent cost overrun in some of the projects. The main reasons for the delay and cost overrun have been due to time taken in land acquisition and forest clearance, short working period, disruption in work because of unforeseen heavy rains and snow falls in border areas, difficult working conditions, periodical revision in labour wages, increase in cost of material etc.